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DECLARATION OF ARTHUR P. LAGACE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

I, Arthur P. Lagace, declare:

1. I am a co-inventor of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-captioned patent application, and am Vice President, Commercial Development, Xyleco, Inc., 90 Addington Road, Brookline, Massachusetts, 02146.

2. I have read U.S. Patent No. 5,137,668 to Lamb, Sr. ("Lamb"). Lamb discloses a "process for fabricating pressboard from shredded paper coated with a thermoplastic material and a pair of facing webs" (Lamb, Abstract). Lamb discloses that "the poly-coated paper is shredded by being passed through a chopper . . . which cuts, grinds, mills or otherwise forms the waste paper into pieces which may be approximately three-eighths inch square. Other sizes can be produced . . ." (Lamb, column 2, lines 63-68).

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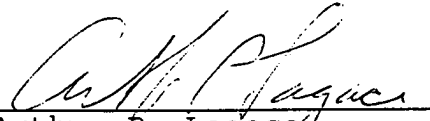
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3. The shredding procedure disclosed by Lamb would not form "texturized" poly-coated paper, meaning poly-coated paper that has been sheared to the extent that the internal fibers are substantially exposed. The formation of texturized paper would require an additional shearing step beyond the shredding procedure disclosed by Lamb. Lamb's procedure does not shear the shredded poly-coated paper so as to expose the internal fibers.

4. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information are believed to be true; and further these statements were made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above patent application or related applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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